



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FEES

The State of California requires the payment of a fee to the State Department of Fish and Game, as a condition for filing Notices of Determination required by the California Environmental Quality Act (Stats. 1990, ch 1706). The fee is \$1,250 for a project receiving a Negative Declaration, and \$850 for a project with an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). A \$25 administrative charge will also be collected with the fee.

No fee is required for projects found to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, or projects with Negative Declarations if a finding is made by the Director of the Department of Planning and Land Use that the project will have a "de minimis impact" on fish and wildlife resources. This finding will be made at the time that a determination is made to advertise the Negative Declaration.

If required, this fee will be collected by the County of San Diego and forwarded to the Department of Fish and Game. It is due and payable before a Negative Declaration or EIR is advertised for public review (Administrative Code Section 362, Article XX). Payment must be by certified check payable to the "County Clerk", and submitted to the cashier at the Department of Planning and Land Use, or the Office of the County Clerk/Recorder. When a project has been processed to the point where the Department is ready to advertise either a Negative Declaration or an Environmental Impact Report the applicant will be notified. The fees must be paid before the project will be advertised for public review.

A receipt will be issued upon payment. A copy of this receipt will be forwarded to the project analyst, who will immediately schedule the EIR or Negative Declaration for advertisement.

If the project is not approved, the fee will be refunded. If the environmental determination is changed, as a result of public review, or during the decision making process, a refund of excess fees paid will be issued, or additional fees will be collected.